

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image pick-up device comprising:

image signal pick-up means for picking up an image signal with a varied frame-rate;

frame-addition processing means for generating a first image signal, from the variable frame-rate picked-up image signal, with a selected output frame rate based upon a synchronization signal;

frame rate conversion means for converting a frame rate of a second image signal supplied from an external device to the output frame rate of the first image signal based upon the synchronization signal; and

signal generation means for generating a monitor image signal by using the first image signal and the second image signal.

2. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the frame-addition processing means generates the output frame rate of the first image signal by adding a selected number of frames to the image signal.

3. (Original) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the signal generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are mixed.

4. (Original) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the signal generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which a part of an image based on the first image signal is replaced by an image based on the second image signal.

5. (Currently Amended) An image pick-up device comprising:
pick-up portion that picks up an image signal with a varied frame-rate;
frame-addition processing portion that generates a first image signal, from the variable frame-rate picked-up image signal, with a desired output frame rate based upon a synchronization signal;
a frame rate conversion portion that converts a frame rate of a second image signal supplied from an external device to the output frame rate of the first image signal based upon the synchronization signal; and
a signal generation portion that generates a monitor image signal by using the first image signal and the second image signal.

6. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the frame-addition processing portion generates the output frame rate of the first image signal by adding a predetermined number of frames to the image signal.

7. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the signal generation portion uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the

monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are superimposed.

8. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the signal generation portion uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which a part of an image based on the first image signal is replaced by an image based on the second image signal.

9. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the external device is either a recording/reproducing device or an input terminal.

10. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the external device is either a recording/reproducing device or an input terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, further comprising an input terminal, a recording/reproducing means for recording and reproducing the first image signal, and an input selection means for selecting the second image from the input terminal or the recording/reproducing means.

12. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, further comprising an input terminal, a recording/reproducing portion recording and reproducing the first image signal, and an input selection portion selecting the second image from the input terminal or the recording/reproducing portion.

13. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 11, wherein the input selection means inputs the selected second image signal to the frame rate conversation means.

14. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 12, wherein the input selection portion inputs the selected second image signal to the frame rate conversation portion.

15. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the signal generation means is connected to the frame-addition processing means and the frame rate conversion means.

16. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the signal generation portion is connected to the frame-addition processing means and the frame rate conversion means.

17. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the signal generation means uses the first and second image signals to generate, as the monitor image signal, an image signal of an image in which an image based on the first image signal and an image based on the second image signal are superimposed.

18. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 1, wherein the signal generation means generates the monitor image signal using images from the first and second image signals simultaneously on one screen.

19. (Previously Presented) The image pick-up device according to claim 5, wherein the signal generation portion generates the monitor image signal using images from the first and second image signals simultaneously on one screen.